

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE, IL**

**MAY 12, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER** The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of May 12, 2008 was held in the Meeting Room of the Village Hall, 7660 County Line Road, Burr Ridge, Illinois and called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Grasso.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was conducted by Eddie Easha – Anne M. Jeans Elementary.

**ROLL CALL** was taken by the Village Clerk and the results denoted the following present: Trustees Sodikoff, Wott, Paveza, Allen, Grela, DeClouette & Mayor Grasso. Also present were Village Administrator Steve Stricker, Public Works Director Paul May, Police Chief Herbert Timm, Deputy Police Chief John Madden, Village Clerk Karen Thomas and Village Attorney Scott Uhler.

There being a quorum, the meeting was open to official business.

**AUDIENCE** There were none at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE** After reading the Consent Agenda by the President, motion was made by Trustee Grela and seconded by Trustee DeClouette that the Consent Agenda – Omnibus Vote, (attached as Exhibit A), and the recommendations indicated for each respective item, be hereby approved.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Grela, DeClouette, Sodikoff, Wott, Paveza & Allen

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 0 – None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 28, 2008** were approved for publication under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**MINUTES – VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2008** were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**MINUTES – (DRAFT) VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2008** were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**MINUTES – (DRAFT) PLAN COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 5, 2008** were noted as received and filed under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SIGN VARIATION AND CONDITIONAL SIGN APPROVAL (S-0342008: 6900 VETERANS BLVD. – CNH)** The Board, under the Consent



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Agenda by Omnibus Vote, accepted the Plan Commission's recommendation and directed Staff to prepare the Ordinance granting a sign variation and conditional sign approval for three painted signs on the CNH America LLC water tank at 6900 Veterans Boulevard.

**RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR MOVING SERVICES – COUNTY LINE ROAD/I-55 INTERCHANGE** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, awarded a supplemental contract to Atrium for I-55 entrance and exit ramp maintenance in the amount of \$9,600.

**RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES – COUNTY LINE ROAD MEDIAN JUST NORTH OF BURR RIDGE PARKWAY** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, authorized Atrium to proceed with median landscaping improvements in an amount not to exceed \$10,650.00.

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT JEROME CONNOLLY TO THE E-911 BOARD**  
The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Jerome Connolly to the E-911 Board for a term expiring February 1, 2009

**RECOMMENDATION TO APPOINT THOMAS WHITE TO THE POLICE PENSION BOARD** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Thomas White to the Police Pension Board for a term expiring May 1, 2010.

**REQUEST FROM I&M CANAL NATIONAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR FOR DONATION FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND (DUES)** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for a \$2,900 contribution toward the I&M National Heritage Corridor annual dues.

**REQUEST FROM I&M CANAL NATIONAL CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY FOR DONATION FROM THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND (RENDEZVOUS)** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for a \$500 contribution toward the I&M National Heritage Corridor's Rendezvous.

**REQUEST FROM THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT FOR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS (JULY 4 CELEBRATION)** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for \$1,000 for the Pleasant Dale Park District's July 4 celebration.

**REQUEST FROM THE PLEASANT DALE PARK DISTRICT FOR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS (VIAL HOUSE MUSEUM)** The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for a \$500 contribution toward continued operation of the Pleasant Dale Park District's Vial House Museum



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**REQUEST FROM THE BURR RIDGE PARK DISTRICT FOR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS (HARVEST FEST)**

The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for \$1,000 for the Burr Ridge Park District's Harvest Fest.

**REQUEST FROM THE FLAGG CREEK HERITAGE SOCIETY FOR HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS**

The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the request for \$2,500 toward its continued operation of the Flagg Creek Heritage Society museum.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF STEPHEN ZAHER TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE**

The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Proclamation recognizing the military service of Stephen Zaher to the people of the United States and France.

**PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY 11-17, 2008, AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the Proclamation designating the week of May 11-17 as National Public Works Week.

**RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE HIRING A PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST TO REPLACE BECKY MESSER**

The Board, under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote, approved the hiring of a part-time receptionist to replace Becky Messer.

**FY 07-08 VOUCHERS** in the amount of \$134,246.15 for the period ending May 12, 2008 was approved for payment under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**FY 08-09 VOUCHERS** in the amount of \$39,557.38 for the period ending May 12, 2008 and payroll in the amount of \$170,404.77 for the period ending May 3, 2008 were approved for payment under the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

**PRESENTATION**

**STEPHEN ZAHER - FRENCH REPUBLIC LEAGUE OF HONOR AWARD;**  
**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MILITARY SERVICE OF STEPHEN ZAHER**  
**TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES AND FRANCE**

A representative of the French Embassy presented Stephen Zaher a decree signed by the President of the French Republic naming Stephen Zaher a "Chavalier" of the Legion of Honor.

Mayor Grasso presented a proclamation to Stephen Zaher recognizing his military service to the people of the United States and France.

**PRESENTATION**

**NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS**



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Police Chief Herbert Time introduced and Village Clerk Karen Thomas swore in the new Department Supervisors; Sergeant Marc Loftus, Sergeant Tim Vaclav, Sergeant Joe Farrar, Corporal Mike Barnes, Corporal Dave Allen and Corporal Luke Vulpo.

Motion was made by Trustee Wott and seconded by Trustee Grela to combine the following compensation Ordinances (agenda items 6A and 6B) into one motion.

Stating the action at the last meeting, Trustee Wott felt it would be appropriate to combine the Ordinances.

Motion carried by Voice Vote with Trustee DeClouette voting Nay.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2.8 OF THE BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE VILLAGE MAYOR OF BURR RIDGE, COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance amends Section 2.8 of Chapter 2 of the Village Code to provide for the \$6,000 yearly compensation of the Village Mayor beginning date of the next term of the duly elected Mayor and, subsequently, the increase to this compensation will not take effect during the current term of the Mayor in office. This increase shall replace any existing compensation.

**THIS IS ORDINANCE A-781-01-08**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2.11 OF THE BURR RIDGE VILLAGE CODE RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BURR RIDGE, COOK AND DUPAGE COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

This Ordinance amends Section 2.11 of Chapter 2 of the Village Code to provide for the \$3,000 yearly compensation of the Village Trustees beginning date of the next term of the duly elected Trustees and, subsequently, this compensation will not take effect during the current term of the Trustees in office.

Motion was made by Trustee Wott and seconded by Trustee Grela to approve the Ordinances, as presented.

Marty Gleason, 80<sup>th</sup> & County Line Road said he feels this is a profound and fundamental change in the nature of government in Burr Ridge and that the residents should be allowed to state their opinions either by an advisory referendum or a public question.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 4 – Trustees Wott, Grela, Paveza & Allen

NAYS: 2 – Trustees DeClouette & Sodikoff

ABSENT: 0 – None

There being four affirmative votes, the motion carried.

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**THIS IS ORDINANCE A-781-02-08**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 765 ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR MAILBOXES ON RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Village Administrator Steve Stricker said that at the last meeting Trustee Grela indicated that he felt the \$50 reimbursement for damaged mailboxes is insufficient and suggested that the reimbursement amount be increased.

He continued that the current Ordinance was approved in 1994 and prohibits the construction of brick mailboxes and grandfathered existing brick mailboxes at that time. He said the reason for prohibiting brick mailboxes in the right-of-way was for safety. Public Works Director/Village Engineer Paul May surveyed several communities and determined what it really cost to replace a standard mailbox and suggested that \$75 maybe an appropriated amount.

Trustee Grela said that a plastic mailbox and post cost well over \$50 and in fact it is well over \$75 and he feels that if a resident can provide proof of purchase the reimbursement should be increased to not to exceed \$200.

In answer to Mayor Grasso, Paul May said that they expect to have about 40 mailbox complaints in a typical winter. He said that the public works department repairs the mailboxes that they can. Most mailboxes are knocked down by snow that comes off the blades.

Trustee Wott feels 40 mailboxes is probably a low estimate and the she feels it needs to be addressed. Mr. May defended the staff and said that if there was any sign of negligence it would be addressed.

John Perconti, President of the Fieldstone Homeowners Association, said his personal mailbox was knocked down this year. He continued that the association selected a standardized mailbox that had curbside appeal at an average cost of \$395 to \$495. He stated that according to US Mailboxes the cost to install a standard mailbox with a wooden post starts at \$135. Had the Association known that there was only a \$50 reimbursement they may have considered something less costly.

There was a brief discussion.

Motion was made by Trustee Sodikoff and seconded by Trustee Allen that the Village pay \$75 per mailbox, not to exceed \$200 if the homeowner provides proof that the cost was more than \$75.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES: 6 – Trustees Sodikoff, Allen, Grela, DeClouette, Wott & Paveza

NAYS: 0 – None

ABSENT: 0 – None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried.

**THIS IS ORDINANCE NO. A-765-01-08**

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**CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WILLIAMS ARCHITECTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE FACILITY** The Village Administrator said that he was informed late Friday afternoon that Mr. Bushhouse was not able to provide the contract documents and asked that this item be tabled to the May 27 Board meeting.

Motion was made by Trustee Wott and seconded by Trustee Paveza that this item be tabled to the May 27 meeting.

Motion carried by Voice Vote.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMONWEALTH EDISON PLANS TO REMOVE TREES UNDER HIGH TENSION LINES** Mr. Stricker said that Commonwealth Edison notified the Village that they are intending to remove trees that could grow in excess of 15 feet in an area under their 138 KB transmission line, which is located within a Commonwealth Edison easement that runs from their substation on 71<sup>st</sup> Street, east of Madison, south to the Rustic Acres facility. He continued that there are over 150-200 trees that could be impacted. Commonwealth Edison has stated that they are required by the Federal Government to have in place an "Enhanced Vegetation Management Program" around transmission lines, as a result of a large blackout that occurred in Ohio in 2003 when a single tree came into contact with a transmission line and left over 50,000,000 customers without power. He said that our transmission line feeds over 25,000 customers.

Mr. Stricker continued Commonwealth Edison has created a tree replacement program, where they will plant new low-growing trees, shrubs and other ornamental flowers and native grasses, on a case-by-case basis, depending on the impact of their right-of-way clearing to a particular property. He said they have taken the position that the trees should not have been planted in the right-of-way and that the easement documents states that these types of trees should not be planted under these high tension wires.

Attorney Uhler said Commonwealth Edison has taken the position that they want to replace or move what they can under their easement rights. He said the easement rights provide that if there is interference, trees can be removed at the homeowners cost. They would rather work with the homeowners as opposed to taking out the trees and billing the homeowners the costs.

After some discussion, the Board decided to continue their discussion in Closed Session under the provision of possible and imminent litigation.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO CONDUCT A FRENCH MARKET IN THE VILLAGE CENTER** Village Administrator Stricker presented a letter from the Burr Ridge Park District, who is working in conjunction with the Village Center and the Burr Ridge Events Planning Committee, requesting to be allowed to conduct a French Market in the Village Center on



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Thursdays, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. beginning July 10 and running each week through September 25.

Trustee Wott explained that the Events Planning Committee is hoping to make this as unique as possible by providing items that aren't available in the surrounding stores. She continued that there will be a 5K Race on June 14 with a pre-party at the Kohler Spa to benefit the Hanson Center's Blind Dog program. She continued that June 21 there will be a Car Show that is being sponsored by Corvette Mike's.

Motion was made by Trustee Wott and seconded by Trustee Allen to approve the request from Burr Ridge Park District to host a French Market in the Village Center.

Motion carried by Voice Vote.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**      There were none at this time.

**AUDIENCE** Resident Kathleen McInerney said several years ago without warning, Commonwealth Edison cut the tops off several trees. She continued luckily the trees recovered. She cautioned that she feels someone from the Village should over see their work.

Trustee DeClouette said that he feels it is imperative for the Village to publish Commonwealth Edison's regulations. Mayor Grasso suggested that information be posted on the Website and Channel 6.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**      Mayor Grasso said that volunteers from Nicor will be at the Hanson Center on Saturday to paint (waterproof) all the fencing at the Center.

Village Administrator Steve Stricker announced that because of a grant program the Village's cost to remove the tanks at the old Village Hall may only be \$10,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**      Motion was made by Trustee Wott and seconded by Trustee Paveza that the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2008 be adjourned to Closed Session to discuss probable and imminent litigation.

On Roll Call, Vote Was:

AYES:            6 – Trustees Wott, Allen, Grela, DeClouette, Sodikoff & Paveza

NAYS:           0 – None


ABSENT:        0 – None

There being six affirmative votes, the motion carried and the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. to a Closed Session.



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PLEASE NOTE: Where there is no summary of discussion on any items in the minutes, this reflects that no discussion occurred other than the introduction of the item.

  
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Karen J. Thomas  
Village Clerk  
Burr Ridge, Illinois

APPROVED BY the President and Board of Trustees this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
2008.



**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING – MAYOR & BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE**

**May 12, 2008  
7:00 p.m.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Eddie Easha  
Anne M. Jeans Elementary**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. AUDIENCE**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA – OMNIBUS VOTE**

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered routine by the Village Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or citizen so request, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**7:00 p.m.  
Presentation**

**Stephen Zaher – French Republic League of Honor Award  
Proclamation Recognizing the Military Service of Stephen Zaher  
to the People of the United States and France**

**Introductions  
New Police Department Supervisors**

**5. MINUTES**

- \*A. Approval of Regular Meeting of April 28, 2008**
- \*B. Receive and File Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting of March 12, 2008**
- \*C. Receive and File Draft Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting of April 23, 2008**
- \*D. Receive and File Draft Plan Commission Meeting of May 5, 2008**

**6. ORDINANCES**

- A. Consideration of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2.8 of the Burr Ridge Village Code Relating to the Compensation to be Paid to the Village Mayor of Burr Ridge, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois**
- B. Consideration of An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2.11 of the Burr Ridge Village Code Relating to the Compensation to be Paid to the Board of Trustees of Burr Ridge, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois**
- C. Consideration of An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 765 Establishing Regulations for Mailboxes on Rights-of-Way**

**EXHIBIT** 

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

## 8. CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Consideration of Award of Contract to Williams Architects for Architectural Services Related to Construction of a new Police Facility
- B. Discussion Regarding Commonwealth Edison Plans to Remove Trees under High Tension Lines
- C. Consideration of Request to Conduct a French Market in the Village Center
- \*D. Approval of Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Sign Variation and Conditional Sign Approval (S-0342008: 6900 Veterans Blvd - CNH)
- \*E. Approval of Recommendation to Award Contract for Mowing Services - County Line Road/I-55 Interchange
- \*F. Approval of Recommendation to Award Contract for Landscaping Services - County Line Road Median just North of Burr Ridge Parkway
- \*G. Approval of Recommendation to Appoint Jerome Connolly to the E-9-1-1 Board
- \*H. Approval of Recommendation to Appoint Thomas White to the Police Pension Board
- \*I. Approval of Request from I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor for Donation from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund (Dues)
- \*J. Approval of Request from I & M Canal National Civic Center Authority for Donation from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund (Rendezvous)
- \*K. Approval of Request from the Pleasant Dale Park District for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds (July 4 Celebration)
- \*L. Approval of Request from the Pleasant Dale Park District for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds (Vial House Museum)
- \*M. Approval of Request from the Burr Ridge Park District for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds (Harvest Fest)
- \*N. Approval of Request from the Flagg Creek Heritage Society for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds
- \*O. Approval of Proclamation Recognizing the Military Service of Stephen Zaher to the People of the United States and France
- \*P. Approval of Proclamation Designating May 11-17, 2008, as National Public Works Week
- \*Q. Approval of Recommendation to Authorize Hiring a Part-Time Receptionist to Replace Becky Messer
- \*R. Approval of FY 07-08 Vendor List

\*S. Approval of FY 08-09 Vendor List

T. Other Considerations – For Announcement, Deliberation and/or Discussion Only – No Official Action will be Taken

**9. AUDIENCE**

**10. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

**11. CLOSED SESSION - Probable and Imminent Litigation**

**12. RECONVENED MEETING**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**